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Field Crops Report

As of December 03, **Cotton** harvest still remains ahead of both last year and the five-year average. **Cotton** was reported as 93 percent harvested, compared to 83 percent last year, and 86 percent for the five year average.

Alfalfa harvest activity remained constant compared with last week. Alfalfa harvest was reported as 63 percent not being harvested, 1 percent light, 10 percent moderate, and 26 percent active. Alfalfa condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 9 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 4 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 44 percent fair, and 28 percent good. Livestock were reported to be in fair condition. Stock Water was reported as adequate. Soil Moisture was reported as adequate. Insect Damage was reported as none to light.

Weather Summary

Temperatures throughout the State were slightly above average for the week ending December 03. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees above normal at Flagstaff and Grand Canyon to 1 degrees below normal at Casa Grande. The highest temperature of the week was 81 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 13 degrees at Canyon De Chelly. All stations in the state reported no precipitation.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Producers in central Arizona shipped bok choy, broccoli, dandelion, dill, endive, escarole, flowering kale, kale, kohlrabi, mixed greens, napa and spinach last week. Producers in western Arizona shipped broccoflower, broccoli, cantaloupes, cauliflower, cilantro, endive, escarole, honeydews, kale, parsley, radicchio, rutabagas and spinach. Lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine and spring mix.

Citrus shipments in central Arizona included fairchild tangerines, grapefruit, lemons and navels last week. Shipments from western Arizona included grapefruit, lemons, navels and tangerines.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 02, 2000

FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 20-DECEMBER 02, 2000							
Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	36	2	64	13	0.00	7.99	8.93
Casa Grande	55	-1	78	32	0.00	4.62	8.12
Coolidge	54	2	81	32	0.00	6.16	7.80
Douglas	47	5	77	27	0.00	14.12	12.44
Flagstaff	33	6	59	18	0.00	15.28	20.54
Gila Bend	58	2	78	40	0.00	6.30	5.99
Grand Canyon	34	6	59	19	0.00	17.06	14.24
Kingman	49	0	68	28	0.00	6.52	8.90
Parker	57	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	3.99
Payson	42	2	63	22	0.00	19.69	19.96
Phoenix	57	4	76	44	0.00	8.12	6.72
Prescott Airport	42	4	67	23	0.00	12.78	12.22
Safford Ag Center	47	3	71	25	0.00	12.14	8.78
Tucson	55	3	77	36	0.00	12.40	10.99
Willcox	45	4	72	25	0.00	15.12	11.71
Winslow	38	2	68	16	0.00	6.00	7.42
Yuma	59	3	77	46	0.00	1.78	2.74

^{1/} Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

^{2/} Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.